GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ATTACK ON IRAQ
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S. war planes had bombarded certain targets in Baghdad recently; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

a) Yes, Sir. USA has recently resorted to bombing on Iraq.

b) India has, in international fora and in Parliament, consistently opposed unilateral armed action against Iraq as it is counter-productive and only serves to aggravate the sufferings of the Iraqi people. India rejects the resort to armed action and any attempt to effect any changes in Iraq`s territorial integrity